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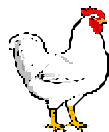
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was irregular in the East, but steady in all other areas. Retail and food service demand covered the full range, best for catering services and into fast food channels. Supplies were usually sufficient; however, in the East, smaller sizes were in good balance to well cleared, but heavier weights were fully adequate to ample. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate, best where weekend needs increased. Dark meat was in good balance to tight and continued to move well. Breast items were at least adequate, longest for tenders, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 23-MAY-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	66.00-69.00	56.00-76.00	68.25	29
New York	71.00-73.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	60.00-79.00	73.77	87

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.14 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
994	70.42-76.18	74.25

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.00	1,256
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	5,730
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,332
THIGH MEAT - B/S	100.00	1,027
LEG QUARTERS	39.50	6,989
WINGS	84.50	2,981

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Market tone was steady on adequate offerings of all sizes. Movement was in a full range, best into catering and fast food with several industry members indicating a lackluster consumer interest. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced; weights desirable to heavy. Trade in parts was quiet and light overall. Offerings were available on all items with dark meat cuts in close balance to short and tenderloins in longest position. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, weak on tenderloins, about steady on breast cuts and barely steady on wings.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate with mixed trading, slightly better where weekend needs increased. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared and continued to move well, aided by export business. Wings were readily available, and breast items were at least adequate, longest for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Light trading reported for next week deliveries at unchanged to somewhat higher prices. Offerings in fair balance to easily adequate for trade needs. Sized product confidently held. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate week-end carryovers. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat, wings and breast about steady.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate, best where scattered feature activity was planned. Offerings in close balance to short; the 3.5 and heavier were fully adequate to instances ample. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady the 3 pound size; about steady on the heavier weights. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate to closely cleared. Wings were adequate to at least adequate and tenders were available.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend with best activity noted where scattered retail sales were planned. Offerings were in good balance to well cleared on the 2.50 and 3.00 sizes; heavier weights were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processer schedules were heavy when combined with spot operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample. Leg items were adequate to closely cleared. Wings were adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.50
NO. OF BOXES	7,575
CUMULATIVE	05/16/05-05/20/05 74.52
	05/17/04-05/21/04 85.63
NO. OF BOXES	05/16/05-05/20/05 37,348
	05/17/04-05/21/04 34,936

MAY 19

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 20

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	610	121.00-148.00	124-128	128.44	607	121.00-148.00	124-128	128.37	3,162	128.00
TENDERLOINS	213	129.00-175.00	134-137	134.48	223	126.00-173.00	132-136	132.78	1,015	136.62
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.00-88.00	82-85	83.79	79	79.00-88.00	82-85	83.79	390	83.94
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				280	75.25
LEGS	68	50.00-56.00	51-52	52.94	69	50.00-56.00	51-52	52.99	316	52.22
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	474	36.00-40.00	37-38	38.72	440	36.00-40.00	37-38	38.86	2,441	38.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	900	38.00-41.00	39-40	39.67	950	38.00-41.00	39-40	39.74	4,665	39.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	71.00-85.00	79-81	80.60	270	71.00-85.00	79-81	79.94	1,481	80.41
WINGS (CUT)	390	88.00-99.00	95-99	96.38	395	88.00-99.00	95-99	96.37	1,988	96.64
DRUMSTICKS	71	50.00-56.00	-	55.32	72	50.00-56.00	-	55.33	349	54.85
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				141	52.15
B/S THIGHS	99	99.00-110.00	-	104.25	99	99.00-110.00	-	104.36	498	104.16

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS\*\*\*\*\*  
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TRADING FOR MAY 19, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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53.00 - 59.50

57.36

53.00-59.50

57.43

56.77

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but still noted as no better than moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate; bone-in breasts were generally sufficient for current needs. Leg quarters, drums and thighs were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate and tenderloins remained available. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat cuts. Steady to barely steady for breast items. Wings were no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

MAY 19, 2005

MAY 20, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	135.51	867,900		140	137.46	870,560		137.40	3,810,760
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.25	230,960		130	132.07	148,280		135.28	942,050
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	92.08	120,640		82-83	91.62	133,240		91.62	588,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.53	88,640		82	84.53	89,480		83.46	450,080
LEGS	52-53	55.50	143,720		52-53	55.71	176,200		54.89	901,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	39.51	263,120		40-41	39.39	286,160		39.37	1,512,680
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	48.61	121,760		44-45	50.59	120,760		48.77	679,300
THIGHS	46-47	53.05	101,080		46-47	53.35	81,000		52.38	437,500
B/S THIGHS	104-105	99.99	103,600		104-105	106.75	89,400		101.10	493,590
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	83.40	138,760		82-83	88.97	151,080		86.69	687,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.90	17,160		10-12	11.99	16,960		11.75	85,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.60	16,560		35-40	30.16	13,520		32.52	85,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.44	20,520		45-50	49.73	21,960		49.63	110,360

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG);\* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	05/19	(1,000)	05/18	(1,000)	05/17	05/13	05/11		
Alabama	4,392	4,067	3,894	3,979	5.28	5.33	4,366	5.24		
Arkansas	5,594	5,458	5,367	5,336	5.04	5.16	5,097	5.01		
Delmarva	2,528	2,233	2,229	2,194	5.52	5.67	2,180	5.61		
KY-LA-TN	2,325	2,294	2,264	2,215	5.05	5.09	2,190	4.97		
Mississippi	3,134	3,160	2,727	3,055	5.79	5.62	3,505	5.75		
North Carolina	2,912	2,551	2,511	2,615	6.45	6.38	2,931	6.53		
Texas	2,501	2,477	2,422	2,545	5.32	5.21	2,770	5.26		
Total	23,386	22,240	21,414	21,939	5.43	5.45	23,039	5.41		
Mon-Fri	111,750(A)						110,882(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-May-05 and 21-May-05 is estimated to be 34,988,000 head up 1.20 percent from a week ago and up 8.77 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,572,000, last year 32,168,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-May-05 is estimated to be 161,512,000 head down 1.12 percent from a week ago, and up 1.01 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 163,338,000, last year 159,896,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		180-192

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 07-May-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	27,884	20,305	56,085
Avg Weight	3.78	4.60	6.31
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%
Comparisons			
Last week	32,480	17,442	56,160
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.65
% of total /1	31%	16%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,848	22,792	53,122
Avg Weight	3.72	4.73	6.38
% of total /1	28%	22%	51%

To date/2005 502,409 370,171 883,886  
To date/2004 472,888 395,706 807,332

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 14-May-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	163,338	1,528	1,462	2,990	505
Avg Wt	5.32	3.21	8.08	5.59	6.82
Last week	163,999	1,604	1,485	3,089	514
Same wk yr ago	158,470	1,410	1,214	2,624	408
Avg Wt	5.24	3.31	8.05	5.50	6.31
To-date/2005	2,998,844	29,227	25,673	54,900	9,608
To-date/2004	2,926,562	24,795	24,173	48,968	8,694

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.3 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - MAY 17, 2005**

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED \*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.20
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.30
Pekin Ducks	4.25 - 4.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .55
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.98 - 1.05
Guinea Fowl	2.20 - 2.40 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.75 - 4.00 ea.
Silgies	2.75 - 3.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .45
Pigeons	5.25 - 7.00 ea.
White Pigeons	5.25 - 7.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.60
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.25 - 1.40
Bunnies	1.25 - 3.00
Guinea Pigs	.05 - .50 ea.
Goats	55.00 - 65.00 ea.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 50.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 624

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 16-MAY-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-153
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65.00-74.50	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.50	77.00-79.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was good. Supplies were adequate to at times closely balanced. Schedules full-time to over-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 16-MAY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April	9 159.3	166.0	96%	5.21
	16 160.0	166.2	96%	5.27
	23 163.1	166.1	98%	5.33
	30 164.7	166.1	99%	5.46
May	7 166.0	166.1	100%	5.30
	14 165.3	166.3	99%	5.32
Year to date	3035.2	3101.5	98%	
May	21 166.3			
	28 166.5			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	05/21/05	05/14/05	% CHG	05/22/04	% CHG
Broilers	161,512	163,338	-.01	159,896	+.01
Cattle	659	654	+.01	688*	-.04
Hogs	1,922	1,819	+.06	1,908*	+.01

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; adequate to at least adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
 (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 76-29 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
 (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)  
 25-31 MAJORITY 28-30 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens was fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for the generally adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs unchanged. Demand was good to very good with offerings mostly fully adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-8.5	7-8

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-MAY-05

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was too few to report. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules full. Offerings adequate.

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